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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/015,472	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BIERBRAUER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Gregory J. Vaughn	<b>Art Unit</b> 2178	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 December 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____  |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Application History***

1. This action is responsive to the application filing, Application filed on 12/12/2001.
2. Claims 1-10 are pending in the case, claims 1, 6 and 10 are independent claims.

### ***Priority***

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) to European application 00127580.9 (filed 12/15/2000). The certified copies of these applications have been filed in the current application.

### ***Drawings***

4. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description:

- "305" in Figure 3.

A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

**Specification**

5. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
- The disclosure recites "*issues a retrieve request 303*" (page 4, line 24) and "*retrieve request 303 contains*" (page 4, line 24). Reference sign 303 in Figure 3 is directed toward a "*Repository*".
  - The disclosure fails to disclose those reference signs listed in paragraph 4 above, which are shown in the drawings.

Appropriate correction is required.

6. The use of the following trademarks has been noted in this application:
- "*IBM*" first used on page 1, line 5.
  - "*Lotus*" first used on page 1, line 17.
  - "*Notes*" first used on page 1, line 17.
  - "*Microsoft*" first used on page 1, line 17.
  - "*Outlook*" first used on page 1, line 17.
  - "*Domino*" first used on page 1, line 22.
  - "*CommonStore*" first used on page 1, line 23.
  - "*SAP*" first used on page 2, line 6.
  - "*Microsoft Exchange*" first used on page 5, line 2.
  - "*Visual Basic*" first used on page 5, line 2.
  - "*Java*" first used on page 5, line 3.
  - "*JavaScript*" first used on page 5, line 3.

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It should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology.

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner, which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

*"A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –*

*(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language."*

8. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Baer et al. US Patent 6,611,840, filed 1/21/2000, patented 8/26/2003 (hereinafter Baer).
9. **Regarding independent claim 1**, Baer discloses detaching content from a document. Baer recites: "ECBORemoveContent: Description: This will remove content from an active CBO" (column 59, lines 34-36). Baer discloses transferring the detached content to a repository. Baer recites: "A web-based system, method and program product are provided for creating a compilation of content stored in a data repository" (column 2, lines 14-16). Baer discloses replacing the content with a placeholder text message in Figure 12 at Reference Sign 148. Baer also discloses the use of a button having

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executable code to retrieve the content from the repository in Figure 12 at Reference sign 144.

10. **Regarding dependent claim 2**, Baer discloses the text message included in the web document in Figure 12 at reference sign 148.
11. **Regarding dependent claim 3**, Baer discloses the button presented via a graphical user interface as shown in Figure 12 (shown as the button at Reference sign 144 in the graphical user interface of the figure).
12. **Regarding dependent claim 4**, Baer discloses the button included in the web document in Figure 12 at reference sign 144.
13. **Regarding dependent claim 5**, the claim is rejected for fully incorporating the deficiencies of the base claim.
14. **Regarding independent claims 6 and 10**, the claims are directed toward a system and computer readable code, respectively, for the method of claim 1, and are rejected using the same rationale.
15. **Regarding dependent claim 7**, the claim is directed toward a system for the method of claim 3, and is rejected using the same rationale.
16. **Regarding dependent claim 8**, the claim is directed toward a system for the method of claim 2, and is rejected using the same rationale.
17. **Regarding dependent claim 9**, the claim is directed toward a system for the method of claim 5, and is rejected using the same rationale.

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**Conclusion**

18. The following prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

<u>Patent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
• US-5,325,297	06-1994	Bird et al.
• US-5,930,787	07-1999	Minakuchi et al.
• US-6,230,168	05-2001	Unger et al.
• US-6,295,542	09-2001	Corbin, Robert George
• US-6,332,147	12-2001	Moran et al.
• US-6,393,469	05-2002	Dozier et al.
• US-6,643,641	11-2003	Snyder, Russell
• US-6,651,218	11-2003	Adler et al.
• US-6,573,907	06-2003	Madrane, Nabil
• US-6,665,838	12-2003	Brown et al.
• US-6,671,855	12-2003	Hayashi et al.
• US-6,691,280	02-2004	Dove et al.

19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Vaughn whose telephone number is (703) 305-4672 (after 10/18/2004 use (571) 272-4131). The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached at (703) 308-5465 (after 10/18/2004 use (571) 272-4124). The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 (after 10/18/2004 use (571) 272-2100).



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